(i) The capacity available in the Civil sector is being increasingly utilised to widen the base of indigenous production.

(ii) The defence production units have time bound targets for reducing import content in equipments produced by them and their performance in this regard is being monitored in the Ministry.

(iii) Task groups have been set up for promoting expeditious indigenisation of spares for defence equipment.

(b) Some of the achievements are the following:—

(i) The overall indigenous content in the equipments produced in the defence production units has been steadily rising.

(ii) The Task groups have already identified spares to be indigenised and formulated time bound action plan for indigenisation, implementation of which has already commenced.

(iii) A number of items have been indigenised through the civil sector. These include assemblies/sub-assemblies/components of armoured vehicles, main propulsion batteries of submarines, tyres for aircraft, batteries for various application, crash fire tenders and heavy duty tank transporters.

Meeting of Sub-Committee on Medical Education

@*333-A. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sub-committee on medical education set-up by the National Development Council has not met even once after it was constituted; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The meeting of the NDC Committee on Medical Education has been convened once.

Backward districts in Orissa under special employment generation scheme

@@*333-B. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR:
SHRIMATI MEERA DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the backward Districts of the State of Orissa are likely to be benefited under Special Employment Generation Scheme;

(b) if so, what is the number of S.C., S.T. and backward class families which have been benefited so far under the scheme;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, by when these families are likely to be benefited; and

(d) what are the criteria for choosing the District or area to have the benefit of the above said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) There is no scheme titled "Special Employment Generation Scheme". However,

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@@Previously Starred Question 374, transferred from 22nd March, 1993.